

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Takashi Nakai et al.

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Art Unit: 4151

For: METHOD FOR FORMING COMPACT FROM  
POWDER AND MOLD APPARATUS FOR  
POWDER MOLDING

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Examiner: W. P. Bell

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 19, 2008 (Paper No. 20080815), Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-11 and 13-19 for continued examination, **with traverse**.

**RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT ELECTION**

The Examiner has required restriction between the following groups:

- Group I:        Claims 1-11 and 13-19, drawn to a method for forming  
                     a compact from a powder; or
- Group II:        Claims 20-21, drawn to a mold apparatus for powder  
                     molding.

In response, Applicants elect **Group I, claims 1-11 and 13-19**, drawn to a method for forming a compact from a powder, **with traverse**. Applicants traverse by respectfully submitting that there is no undue burden of search.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Dated: September 2, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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